an optical fiber provided at a location to which the laser beam transmitted by said polarizer is optimally coupled, wherein

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said polarizer is angled so that a direction of polarization permitted to pass through said polarizer is rotated about an optical path of the laser beam passing through the polarizer relative to a direction of polarization of the laser beam transmitted by said lens.

4. (Amended) A laser diode module comprising:

a laser diode;

a lens provided on an optical path of a laser beam emitted by said laser diode;

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an optical isolator provided on an optical path of the laser beam transmitted by said lens and including a polarizer, a rotator and an analyzer; and

an optical fiber provided at a location to which the laser beam transmitted by said optical isolator is optimally coupled, wherein

said optical isolator is placed so that a direction of polarization permitted to pass through said polarizer of the optical isolator is rotated about an optical path of the laser beam passing through the polarizer relative to a direction of polarization of the laser beam from said laser diode.

--8. (New) A laser diode module comprising:

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a laser diode;

a lens disposed adjacent to the laser diode which receives a laser beam emitted by said laser diode;

a polarizer disposed adjacent to the lens which receives the laser beam transmitted by said lens; and

an optical fiber provided at a location to which the laser beam transmitted by said polarizer is optimally coupled, wherein

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said polarizer is oriented such that a direction of polarization permitted to pass through said polarizer is rotated about an optical axis of the polarizer relative to a direction of polarization of the laser beam incident upon the polarizer.

9. (New) The laser diode module according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer is oriented perpendicular to an optical axis of the laser diode module.

10. (New) The laser diode module according to claim 4, wherein the polarizer is oriented perpendicular to an optical axis of the laser diode module.

11. (New) The laser diode module according to claim 8, wherein the polarizer is oriented perpendicular to an optical axis of the laser diode module.--